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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
TADASHI OKAMOTO ET AL.)	Examiner: E. Dejong
Application No.: 10/601,777)	Group Art Unit: 1631
Filed: June 24, 2003)	
For: A METHOD FOR ACQUIRING)	
INFORMATION OF A BIOCHIP)	
USING TIME OF FLIGHT)	
SECONDARY ION MASS)	
SPECTROMETRY AND AN)	
APPARATUS FOR ACQUIRING)	
INFORMATION FOR THE)	
APPLICATION THEREOF)	April 6, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, imposing a restriction requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of two patentably distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 1-18 and 20, drawn to a method for acquiring information, classified in class 702, subclass 22; and